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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Kiyoyuki NAKAGAWA, et al.) Group Art Unit: 3723 (expected)
Serial No.: Unassigned) Examiner: L. Wilson (expected)
(Divisional of 09/401,526))
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For: ELECTRONIC COMPONENT CHIP)
FEEDER AND MANUFACTURING)
METHOD OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES)
USING ELECTRONIC COMPONENT)
CHIPS)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: November 20, 2001

Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please first amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-6 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 9 and 12 and add new claims 13-17 as follows:

9. (Amended) A method according to Claim 7, wherein said step of cleaning
outer surfaces of the electronic component chips comprises a process of grinding outer
surfaces of electronic component chips.